TWO CENTS

MAY SUSPEND PASSENGER TRAVELIN WEST U.S. Army Officer Commits Suicide After Murder of Four

DEATH OF U. S. CAPTAIN CLEARS UP MURDER MYSTERY IN KANSAS CAMP; LEAVES FAREWELL NOTE TO WOMAN

Lewis Whisler Fires Bullet Through Brain After Four Men Are Found Dead in Army Bank.

VICTIM IDENTIFIES DEAD SLAYER

Kearney Wornall, Wounded Employe, Says He Was Attacked When Others Were Killed; Stolen Money Recovered.

Camp Funston, Kan., Jan. 12.-The suicide here today of Capt. Lewis Whisler, of Company E, 354th Infantry, has solved the most atrocious quadruple murder in Kansas history.

Two bullet wounds in the head, his blood-stained uniform tucked behind his locker in his quarters where he ended his life, a note to a woman whose name has not yet been made public, and a trail of money and blood-stained handkerchiefs from the bank to near his quarters gave indisputable evidence, the police say, that it was Capt. Whisler, of Salina, who murdered Charles Fuller Winters, John J. Jewell, J. Hill and Andrew Ohlson and seriously injured Keanery Wornall in the army bank of Camp Funston last night.

Fifty Dollars Reward. The fody was wheeled to the bedside of Wornall in the hospital, and he positively identified it as that of

medical officials say.

Wornell tonight, after identifying the body of Whisler, told of the kill-order.

"Challenge once and if an fuses to halt shoot to kill," order. ng. He said Whisler came in and re-

"I am not kidding. I mean it," he dealared.

All thought him to be fooling.

"I'll show you I mean what I'm talking about," he said and then, atcording to Wornell, he reached over the cording to Wornell, he reached over the cording to Wornell and the cordinate wornell a

and knocked Winters unconscious with the butt of his revolver.

Then, said Wornell, he pointed his gun at Wornell and made him gas and bind John Jewell, editor of Camp and Trench, a weekly camp paper, who was waiting for Wornell to finish his work, and Ohlson and Hill.

While the men were lying on the tended the dellar confidence of the four victims in the bank from the supply company of the regiment.

Cool and collected, Capt. Whisler attended the dellar confidence in the supply company of the regiment. and Trench, a weekly camp paper, who was waiting for Wornell to finish his work, and Ohlson and Hill.
While the men were lying on the floor bound the slayer took out the hand axes he had with him and bat-

ered and cut his victims, and finally urned on Wornall. Wornell's worst injury is a deep gaah across his face and one on his fore-

SAYS GERMAN

DYE SECRETS

ARE REVEALED

to British Government;

Officials Skeptical.

By FRANK W. GETTY.

DECLARES NEW CABINET POST UNNECESSARY

Secretary of War Baker Opposes Change Suggested by Senate Committee.

Unqualified opposition was registered yesterday by Secretary of War Baker against a secretary of muni-

idea?" asked Senator Chamberlain. "It creates an impossible task," re-"You would have an industrial did

department of the army. Against the most determined criticism he stoutly

Prepares Bill Anyway. The Secretary was subjected to th

with no particularly kindly spirit be-hind them. Nevertheless, he was as adamant as ever in sustaining his de-partment and his subordinates. He complimented Gens. Crozier and

order.
Two companies of infantry were de-tailed to Army City and the bank was turned into a temporary police head-Sharpe highly, saying they had done all that could have been expected of Despite the Secretary's objection

Despite the Secretary's objection, the Senate committee will go ahead with its bill creating a Department of Munitions which will have charge of army and navy purchasing. The bill will be taken up nest week, it was said last night.

"Did Gen. Greble, of Camp Bowle, report to you before he went abroad that housing conditions were bad at his camp?" asked Senator Chamber-bis camp?" his camp?" asked Senator Chambe

"He reported this in September and eceived no answer about correction tended the daily conference of offi-cers of the Eighty-ninth Division this morning. He sat with other captains, until November or December. He said too many men were in tents. "That was a peculiar situation. When the cantonments were built I conferred with many eminent medical men. They were all satisfied there was not enough air space in the cannents. The question was whether to stop, and enlarge the to construct more. But to construct more. But they said no trouble would be anticipated in the anvas camps as the tents would be almost automatically ventilated. It turned out to be opposite. In the canvas camps there has been the most sickness. Whether the men closed the tents so tight there was no ventilation or the men came from sparse-ly populated districts where they had not had childish diseases, I don't

not had chipush diseases, know. But the medical men could not anticipate this.
"Well," said Senator Chamberlain,"
Gen. Greble knew as a practical man
and soldier there would be an epi-

"Measles," interjected Secretary Ba-ker. He said he did not see Gen. Greble until the commander returned

from Europe.
Senator Wadsworth said that Gen.
Greble had reported his fears to four men, and got no action, and sickness resulted in his camp.

"The proper person to go to was

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GETS ANSWER 'NEVER'

Heroism of Jackies on Luckenbach

Told by Navy.

How the naval gun crew of the

American steamer J. L. Lucken-bach successfully fought off for four hours the attacks of a German submanine until a destroyer forced

stroyer that caught the Lucken-bach's distress call.
"Never!" was the laconic reply.
All members of the armed guard have been commended by the Navy Department for gallantry in action, and the commander has been given the temporary warrant of boat-swain in recognition of his services.

British Destroyer Sinks;

Crew of 105 Perishes

London, Jan. 12.-The British de-

NO SURRENDER CALL

Support of France to Attain Ends.

New York, Jan. 12 .- J. J. Jusserand Special Cable to The Washington Herald and New York Tribune. French Ambassador to the United States, tonight endorsed President London, Jan. 12.-Germany's dye se-Wilson's statement of war aims and crets, are now offered to the British government. John Leyland, who con-ducted the investigations into the long-sought Teuton secrets, told me today; by the President in his recent speech pledged the support of France to the very last that the ends laid down 'If we did not have the formulae,

"If we did not have the formulae, to Congress be attained. He spoke particularly of that part to submit to any indignity in order to induce her to sell them to us on that the wrongs done by Prussia in 1871 in the matter of Alsace-Lorraine "Now that the actual secret is in be righted, and brought to the American hands, this will not be possible, see we can make our own dyes, either government and its appreciation of our hands, this will not be possible, as we can make our own dyes, either in government or in private factories. I would rather the government twk

I would rather the government two over the formulae, aithough there is no difficulty in my finding large financial support to exploit the dyes as an ordinary business enterprise.

"It is taking two years to accomplish what should have been possible in months, namely, the research carried out by men in Switzerland and only just now completed.

"I sent Mr. Rowe, a chemist, to Switzerland last September. He remained there six weeks, carrying out experiments and teats and just before Christmas I received complete formulae from Switzerland together with some dye crystals in different forms which glisten like permanganate of potash.

"We have 257 soild colors from the cause for America's interest in the cause for which they are fighting.

Robert Lansing, Secretary of State, also speaking before the New York Bar Association in response to America's interest in the cause for which they are fighting.

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"We are in this war," said Secretary Lansing, "to bring into reality the world has been striving for many years—democracy. The world democracy may easily be mistaken to mean the opposite to autocratic government and to border upon anarchy but democracy which the Sulling States enjoys and which we are now striving to give to the world has been striving for many years—democracy. The world democracy which the Sulling States and Just being the cause for which the cause for which the cause for which the cause for which the cause f

permanganate of potash. "We have 257 soild colors from which hundreds of thousands of variations may be obtained." U. S. ARMY OFFICER

riations may be obtained."

Government experts I have seen are rather doubtful about there being 25' varieties of dyes known only to the Germans and say nearly every formula existing for making dyes is known to British chemists and that if any new ones are put on the market the formulae can be discovered. Regarding this points Leyland said: "While we know the bases of the German dyes, we did not know how to make use of this knowledge. That is because the secret was jealously guarded by the Germans. At the Badische factories, where more than 600 expert chemists are employed, each man is confined to his own special work and is not allowed to know anything beyond it and in this CONTINUED ON PAGE FOUR.

NAMED IN LOVE SUIT

Maj. Boyd Wales, Now in France, Sued for \$25,000.

New York, Jan. 12.—Maj. Boyd Wales, of a field company now in day. Maj. Wales was once candidate for governor of South Dakots.

The plaintif is John Grifsom, and Maj. Wales undue friendship between his wife, Marguerite Grifton, and Maj. Wales is married and a father continued to the sum of the continued of the co

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U.S.LAUDED BY JUSSERAND

majors and colonels and listened to

all that was going on, apparently

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cheek.

When the murder was discovered

about 8:30 o'clock, all members of the

military police were called out and given fifteen rounds of announition

each.
"Challenge once and if anyone

J. Leyland Offers Process French Ambassador Pledges

NAMED IN LOVE SUIT

stroyer Raccoon was wrecked against a rock off the north coast of Ireland Wednesday and all on board were lost, the admiralty announced today.

The Raccoon was built in 1910 and had a complement of 165 officers and Mills. Wales is married and a father, men.

Kaiser Has Ananias Backed Off Boards As Real Liar---Billy

Evangelist Tells Audience of 7,000 God Almighty Never Gave Any Lobster Right to Rule the World; "It's All Poppycock."

By ARTHUR JOYCE.

"When the Kaiser was in swaddling clothes, playing with his toes Fierce Alabama Cyclone with Death and Damand fighting off the colic, old Count Bismarck 'put over' Germany's presnt system of 'international piracy.'

That's the way Billy Sunday "doped it out" last night at the Tabernacle before 7,000 persons. The point he wanted to make was that "Germany's stunt of stealing from its neighbor" isn't at all new. And to back up his assertions Billy clared that "God Almighty never gave pointed to the "theft" of Alsace-Lorto rule the world." raine from the French through the

bery" of Schlesswig-Holstein from Denmark under a "false pretext."

"Old Bismarck sure put it over on France and got away with Alsace-Lorraine," said Billy. "Germany had her eye on the iron mines of this, French possession and through the force of this world will rule through their chosen agents," deforming the force of the forc

through their chosen agents," clared the evangelist. "That's clared the evangelist. "That's why America is going to win this war just as sure as see sun shines and the birds sing. God is on our side in this war. There's no getting away from that fact. And He's not going to let any good-for-nothing. God-forsaken bunch like the Kaiser's crowd put anything over on this country. Not on your tintype?' In Billy Sunday's opinion, prayer isn't the only thing needed to "put

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RUSSIA YIELDS IS RENEWED

a forged telegram or something of that sort, Bismarck inveigled France into the France-Prussian war and

ould get 9,000,000,000 tons of iron out

of those mines—about one-half of what the Kaiser's bunch needed to

keep going-and Bismarck went to it

Divine Right Poppycock.

The evangelist took a hard swat t the "divine right of kings" idea dvanced by "Kaiser Bill." and de-

and comped the prize."

Transfer of Negotiations. Parleys Resumed.

Amsterdam, Jan. 12.-The armistice rs was extended one month today ovsk accepting a proposal to that effect by the Bolsheviki.

Leon Trotzky, the Bo eign minister, who heads the Russian delegation at Brest-Litovsk, dropped the demand for the trans-ferring of the peace parley to neu-

The Bolshevikist leader did not show the slightest symptoms of meek sur-render. In a fearless speech through render. In a fearless speech through which rang a note of triumph-for he well realized the hopes of Junkerdom-he told the central powers delegations that the reason why Russia yielded was that she would not offer the other side an excuse for breaking off the parleys and blaming the runture upon her. the rupture upon her.

Raising New Army.

Meanwhile the Bolshevist command-er-in-chief, Gen. Krylenko, is taking steps for the formation of a volunteer army. In an appeal to his country-men to raily to the cause of the revo-lution, he attacked not only German imperialism, but alleged imperialistic designs by the entente powers as well against which, he said, Russia must defend herself. He urges a "holy war," and says he wants "only strong men who are fighters."

First Russian comment upon Presi dent Wilson's peace aims speech to be received here is credited to the official organ of the Bolsheviki, the Pravda. It refers to the American Executive as 'the head of a rapacious imperialism and the greatest hypocrite nistory has ever known."

Trotzky in his speech served in-direct notice upon the Teutons that surrender on the question of the peace parley rendezvous does not mean Rus-sia will recede from her stand against

Asserts Independence. Trotzky asserted Russia was wholly independent from outside in-

submanine until a destroyer forced the U-boat to submerge, is told in detail today in an official account by the Navy Department.

The engagement described took place on October 1, while the vessel was en route to a French port. The U-boat subjected the merchant craft to a heavy shellfire that injured seven men, started a small pussion stand for absolute self-devices.

Trotzky asserted Russia was wholly independent from outside in-fluence, all her utterances and actions being "above board," and not susceptible to the machinations of intrigue.

Berlin dispatches today showed that voices are growing louder and louder in Germany in favor of the fluence, all her utterances and actions being "above board," and not susceptible to the machinations of intrigue. Russian stand for absolute self-de-

praft to a heavy snelling that injured seven men, started a small blaze aboard, and temporarily put the engines our of commission. "Don't surrender!" flashed the commander of the American destroyer that caught the LuckenStill Still Condition of Sen. Brady Still Remains Serious

The condition of Senator James H. Brady, who was stricken with heart failure several days ago, was re-ported at the residence last night to be very serious. There was no change for the better or worse during yes-

for the better or worse during yes-terday.

J. Rob Brady, of Kansas, and S. E. Brady, of Chandler, Oklahoma, sons of Senator Brady, have been sum-moned to Washington and are expect-ed to arrive today. Mrs. Brady has been with her husband since he was taken iii. Civil War Heroine Dead.
Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 12.—Elihora
Alexandria Nicholas, known as the
American Florence Nightingale during the civil war, died today.

JAP-U.S. PACT

Trotzky Drops Demand for Commission from Republic Will Try to Buy Arms

Mexico's action in sending a special struck by a gale, ran to the front commission to Japan to negotiate for of the house with her small chilmoney and munitions is expected to dren and although the wind blew the Teuton delegations at Brest-Lit- bring about the first practical test of the Lansing-Ishii agreement, recently negotiated between the United States WILSON VIEWS

On the assumption that Japan wil find herself bound, by the spirit of that agreement, not to enter into any relations with Mexico that might prove embarrassing to this country, confi dence is expressed that the purpose of the commission, in this respect at least, will prove unsuccessful,

age. Under the terms of the Lansing-Ishi agreement, the United States recognized Japan's "special interests" in China. At the time it was explained that the agreement was drawn up on the basis of reciprocal recognition of the special interest of the United States with respect to Latin-American countries. spect to Latin-American countries. It is understood that the sending of the commission is the outgrowth of the unsuccessful efforts of Carranza to get arms or money from the United States. Comment has the United States. Comment has been aroused over the fact that the commission is headed by John T. Burns, former Mexican consul at New York, who ran afoul the Gov-ernment of the United States by advising Mexicans to evade the draft registration law. Others in the delegation are Gen. Bouches, chief of staff under former Presi-dent Porfirio Diaz, Consul General Frago, representing Mexico in Japan, and four others.

They boarded the vessel at Salina

Cruz, and are said to have remained in their staterooms during the time the ship was in an American

BRITISH AND FRENCH GET HUN PRISONERS

Allies Make Successful Incursion Into German Trenches.

London, Jan. 12.—German reconnoctering activity in the West has slackering activity in the west has stack-ened materially and there is a let-up in the cannonading except at Verdun. The allies on their part are keeping up their counter raids. The British made a successful in-cursion into the German trenches to the east of Loos early today, bringing back some prisoners. The French raided the crown prince's lines south-east of Bezonvaux, where the artil-lery activity was most lively. They, too, took a number of prisoners. The

Big Fire in San Antonio. San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 12.—Fire is raging in the heart of the wholesale district here. The Household Furniture Company's three-story building is already gutted and the fire is

COUNTRY, IN WINTER'S GRIP, MENACED BY LACK OF FOOD AND FUEL; MANY CITIES CAUGHT IN VISE OF STORM

l'Iraculous Escape Imputed to Prayer TEMPERATURE DROPS

age in Wake Diverted from Path as Teacher Prays for Children.

Dothan, Ala., Jan. 12.-What is looked upon as a miracle in any lobster on earth the divine right prayer was enacted during the storm which passed over this section of Alabama last night, leaving destruction in its path, and from Prussian militarism hides behind which the people are slowly recovering, when the deadly gale changed the "divine right" cloak, emphasized its course at Pleasant Plains Schoolhouse, near Webb, Ala., while Miss Adoo yesterday afternoon. Orders Forrester, teacher at the school, prayed for the wind to turn from its

Miss Forrester gives a graphic account of the horrors of the cyclone. Hearing a great noise, she says, she thought it was an explosion. She went at once to the door of the school house and opened it. It was then that she realized that the school was districtly in the path of a cyclone. The clouds were of a greenish tinge and the power of the devastating winds was clearly marked along the basis of Chic was clearly marked along the basis of the course of the devastating winds was clearly marked along the basis of the course of the devastating winds was clearly marked along the basis of the course of the devastating winds was clearly marked along the basis of the course of the devastating winds was clearly marked along the basis of the course of the course of the devastating winds was clearly marked along the basis of the course of the co

Huge pines in the path of the wind sere twisted off like matches. Miss Forrester saw that the school building was directly in the course of the winds, and instead of dismissing school, she stood in the open door, with her hands stretched upward, and prayed for the storm to turn its course.

home, and injuring seriously their oldest boy, who was picked up later near a barn thirty yards away, having been blown from his lineing been blown from his living

Other members of the family re ceived minor injuries, but Mrs. Forrester, remembering that there is first

was clearly marked along the path which is probably all that saved their lives, as not a plank of the large two story building was left standing.

When he saw his wife and baby reaching the office of the Director kneeling beside the small chicken house, Dr. Ryals ran to their side and after the house was blown away he havoc wrought by the blizzard and clung to his wife and baby and the three were blown several feet, but were unhurt.

The Cowarts schoolhouse, where the pupils were assembled, was totally destroyed to the right, changing its course and leaving the school children unharmed.

One half mile from Miss. Fortester's school house, her brother J. H. Forrester lives. The storm destroyed his home completely, killing Mrs. Weeks, a guest in the home and fire wind passed over the spot.

Marion Parker was founded in termily and suffered a broken leg. He died soon after the wind passed over the spot.

Saew Halts Traffic.

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Mr. Smith called up Director General Marion Parker was founded as the storm of the rails.

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Marion Parker was founded.

with a big plank

Children Escape

Miss Anna May Powers, of Mont frightened and rushed toward the door, the floor giving way, carrying CONTINUED ON PAGE FOUR

CHEER FRANCE, LEADERS JOIN SAYS CRUPPI IN WAR PLANS

Haig Drop Formality in

Mapping Campaign.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald and New York Tribune.

and allied statesmen and soldiers are marked by a spirit of frankness and

directness which make for speed and

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DIES IN AMBULANCE

Austin Iardella, 40 Years Old, Vic-

Walking into the path of a west-

bound Capital Traction car, at Del-aware avenue and C streets, short-

ly after 7 o'clock last night, Austin

lardella, 40 years old, 224 Delaware avenue northeast, was knocked down and almost instantly killed.

Iardella, it is said, walked behind

tim of Accident.

HIT BY STREET CAR,

efficiency.

Former French Minister De-Pershing, Clemenceau and clares Morale of French People Unshaken.

By ARTHUR S. DRAPER. Special Cable to The Washington Herald and New York Tribune.

Paris, Jan. 12.-Jean Cruppi, forme Paris, Jan. 12.—Jean Cruppi, former
Minister of Foreign Affairs, thinks
considerable progress toward peace
has been made recently. President Wilson's recent declaration of war aims
he considers the finest utterance of
he considers the finest utterance of
diers. He has had an opportunity to the war and one which France can support with full accord.

I talked with him today about the economic and political situation in France and found him sincerely optistudy both closely and they have had equal chance of measuring him. The period when precedent and dip-lomatic form had to be followed has long since passed, and today fre-quent conferences between Pershing

mistic concerning the future. France's morale, despite the hard-ships she is forced to bear, and the disappointment over the affairs of Russia, he says, is now excellent. Like most Frenchmen, he is an American enthusiast and a great admirer of Wilson's statesmanship.

Morale Perfect.

"I have just returned from a stay in Southern France," he said, little town of 700 people, where forty-two soldiers have been killed, but I found the morale of the people perfect. They are firmly determined to see the war through to victory. The country people are simpler and more idealistic than those of the city. The helm America already has given, the honesty of her motives and her de-termination appeal to them and make a strong impression. Their morale could not be better.

"The economic situation is improv

ing under better regulations and ther is naturally a political improvement. "Clemenceau has the confidence of the people and his energy is prosecut-ing the war and winning approval in and out of the chamber of deputies." M. Cruppi, who is a French radical corresponding to the British Conservative, became extremely enthusiastic when talking of the President's latest declaration of war aims. He said: vative, became extremely enthusiastic when talking of the President's latest declaration of war aims. He said:

"The President has done good work for peace. We quite agree with his statement of terms. His references to the invaded districts of France and Alsace-Lorraine pleased us greatly. No satisfactory peace is possible until from France, but has made full reparation for damage done. There will be no lasting peace in Europe until France has recovered the provinces which were wrested from us.

"I believe the German people are Continued on Page Four.

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Iardella, it is said, walked behind an east bound car and failed to notice the approach of a car going in the opposite direction. He died in an ambulance on the way to the Severe weathen conditions, making the vice of the coal problem had been cleared. Severe weathen conditions, making the opposite of the coal problem had been cleared. Severe weathen conditions, making the weather situation worse, were given by the Weather Bureau last night as follows:

Below-zero temperature in the North and Middle Atlantic States; snow in Dorthern New England; severe cold wave in South Atlantic and East Guif States; snow and continued cold weather in the region of the Great the opposite direction. He died in an ambulance on the way to the Casualty Hospital.

The car was in charge of Conductor Houghton B. Riley, 1206

Thirty-fifth street northwest, and Motorman Eugene Hayes, 2403 H street northwest. They were taken to the Sixth precinct but were weathen conditions, making the situation worse, were given by the Weather Bureau last night as follows:

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Passenger Travel on All Lines Curtailed to Move Freight.

IN WEST AND SOUTH

Mark of 23 Degrees Below Zero Is Reported in Pequa, Ohio.

Almost complete paralysis of railroad traffic, due to the storm, was reported to Director General Mowill probably be sent out today si pending all passenger trains west e

Drastic authority has been

Passenger traffic east of Chicago will be curtailed to a minimum. reaching the office of the Director

wind storms. Bridges and trestles have been

reported that conditions very bad in many sections. There has been a great deal of snow around Chicago and to the west and south Cars, coal and passenger, are blocked

The femperature throughout the

Middle West has taken a heavy drop and snow is forming drifts all along the lines, leading into the Chicago In Pigua, Ohio, the assistant to the director general re-ported that the temperature had fallen to 28 degrees below zero and that the condition was pretty gen-eral throughout the territory. As a result, the coal cars are freezing up, and the only relief that can possibly be brought at once, will, in all likelihood, be abolishing the passenger traffic west of Ohicago. In the roads coming to the East there will be a curtailment, but the director general believes that a few days of any-thing like fair weather will enable them to have the freight out of the way so that the passenger schedules may be maintained as near normal as the present emergency of war trans-portation will permit.

West and South Suffer.

Through the Central West and South Herold and New York Tribune.

Controle Americaine, Expeditionary
Army, Jan. 12.—Gen. Pershing has pershing to some roads temporarily pershing to reports repeated by the director general late. enough to get thoroughly acquainted with Anglo-French statesmen and soldiers. He has had an opportunity to High south winds have piled up

Bridge over the Albemarle Sound, approximately six miles, cutting out a large section of the bridge, probably 1,000 feet long. Traffic probably can 1,000 feet long. Traffic probably can be resumed in ten days. The fee cut off 185 piles from sixty-five to eighty

This abnormal condition will make a delay in the movement of coal and passengers by this route which may be relieved by a movement over other

efficiency.
Some day it will be interesting to read of the conferences between Clemenceau, France's fighter, who, despite his seventy odd years, has still all the fire of youth, and Pershing, who al-Commissioner McChord, of the Inter-

state Commerce Commission, reported that the cold weather is hammering that freight situation and he says the cold wave will make conditions even worse. Reports from all Eastern terminals show engines are being frozen up, cool frozen in cars and lighterage held up because of severe conditions. The commissioner's report up to January %, three days before the latest cold snap hit the country, showed increased cou-gestion at many of the main points. The director general reported that the West Virginia situation was about 75 per cent normal and that cars and engines would be sent to them in re-sponse to an urgent call.

Priorities Refused.

Representatives of the Bethlehem nd Carnegie Steel Companies and the Standard and Texas Oil Con yesterday sought priorities, but they were told that no help could be given them until the present congestion of the coal problem had been cleared, Severe weather conditions, making the situation worse, were given by

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